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SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF ROC CONSULATE-GENERAL IN CHICAGO:
NEW TRADE PROMOTION OFFICE

1. ON MAY 20, K.T. HU, ADVISER, MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND ROC EMBASSY COMMERCIAL ATTACHE CHAO LIANG DISCUSSED WITH EA/ROC PLANS TO EXPAND THE ROC CONSULATE-GENERAL IN CHICAGO TO INCLUDE A TRADE AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION SECTION. ENVISIONED IS AN QUOTE OFFICE OF THE TRADE REPRESENTATIVE UNQUOTE, HEADED BY HU AND STAFFED BY TWO CHINESE ASSISTANTS AND TWO LOCAL CLERICAL EMPLOYEES. TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXPANSION, THE GROC PLANS TO RE-LOCATE THE CONSULATE-GENERAL IN NEW OFFICES (LA SALLE PLAZA BLDG., SOUTH STREET, CHICAGO). HU ESTIMATED THAT THE MOVE AND REORGANIZATION COULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO TO THREE MONTHS.

2. THE JURISDICTION OF THE TRADE REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICE WILL COVER THE AREA PRESENTLY ADMINISTERED BY THE ROC CONSULATES IN SEATTLE, PORTLAND, KANSAS CITY, AND CHICAGO. HU'S QUOTE TARGET INDUSTRIES UNQUOTE FOR TRADE INVEST-

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MENT PROMOTION WILL BE ELECTRONICS AND MACHINERY. HE ALSO PLANS A STUDY OF THE US COMMODITY EXCHANGE MARKETS

IN CHICAGO.

3. WE TOLD HU THAT WE HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PLAN AS
DESCRIBED, I.E., SO LONG AS THE NEW OFFICE WAS
PHYSICALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE CONSULATE-GENERAL AND
UNDER ITS ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION. INGERSOLL

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